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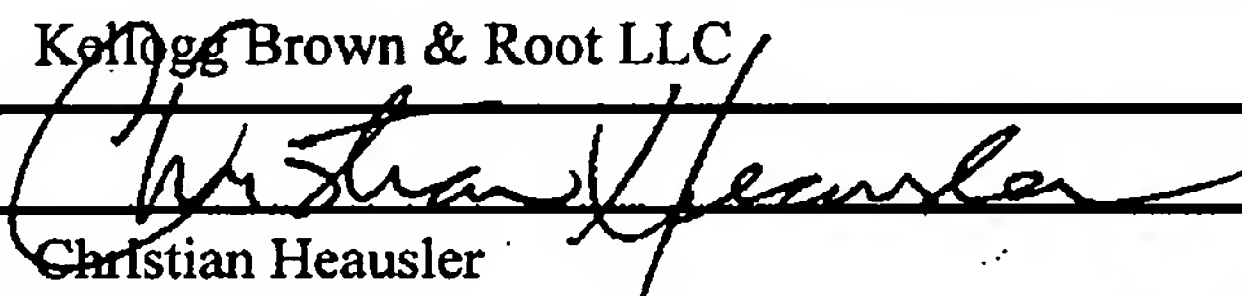
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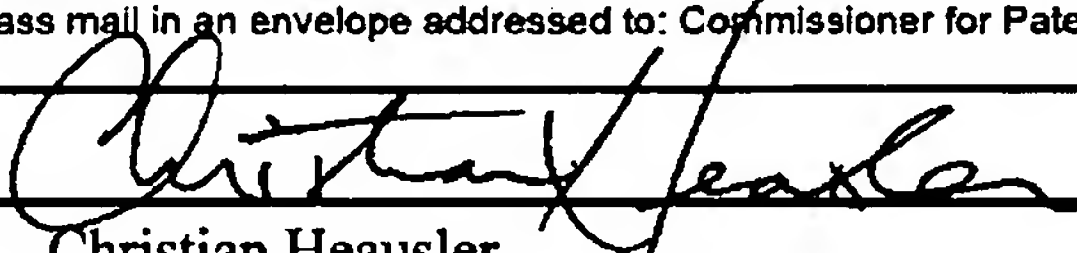
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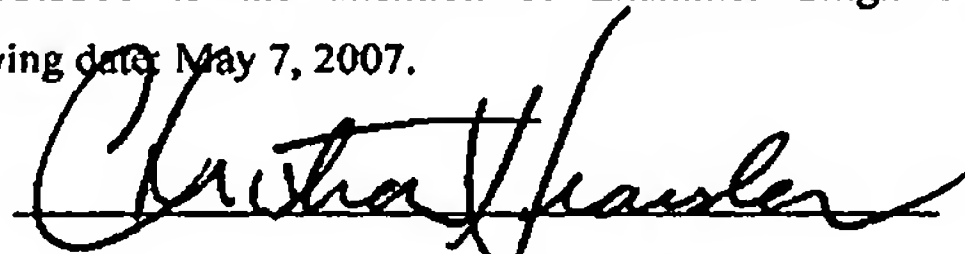
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In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 21, 2007, Applicant respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 10.